GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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POLICY FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any policy for rehabilitation of Afghan Nationals of Indian Origin (ANIO) who migrated to India from Afghanistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by the Government to deal with the problems being faced by them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)to(c): Due to the prolonged war and ethnic conflict in Afghanistan from 1980 onwards, Afghan nationals-both ethnic as well as those of Indian origin migrated to India.

As per present policy, afghan nationals who came to India with valid travel documents /passports are being granted six monthly extension for their stay in the country. The present extension is valid upto 31st December 2000.